

Please reject the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, that would limit the function of digital television sets. As currently constructed, this broadcast flag proposal would hamper innovation in digital televisions and other electronic equipment capable of receiving digital broadcasts.

It would be unfortunate if the FCC were to codify this pact at the expense of consumer flexibility and choice.

This has nothing to do with. It has to do with my freedom to purchase and use technology. The broadcast flag proposal would ignore these concerns and turn technological development over to the entertainment industry.

The entertainment does not have the right to restrict consumers' abilities to record their favorite programs, or purchase electronic devices that allow them to record and save memorable family moments. The FCC has already mandated that we all have to buy digital TVs or boxes for our existing TVs. This is going to put a financial burden on a large group of consumers who already own multiple TVs. Let consumers continue to use VCRs and DVDs to record programs. Too much choice has already been taken away from us at a great financial burden.

Remember we have bought these TVs and recording devices over a period of years and now the FCC is thinking of handing over the supervision of present machinery to the entertainment industry. I am sure they will outlaw our present equipment, making it impossible for a very large number of consumers to maintain their lifestyle and their freedom.